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- 1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF SENATOR MATHISAS TO RIO AND BRASILIA DURING PROPOSED JANUARY 22-26 TIME FRAME.
- 2. FOR BRASILIA PORTION OF TRIP WE WOULD SEEK PROGRAM ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO REQUEST ADUIENCE FOR SENATOR MATHIAS WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL. WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER, THAT IT WILL BE GRANTED AS PRESIDENT HAS NOT NORMALLY RECEIVED INDIVIDUAL VISITING FOREIGN LEGISLATORS.

B. CALLS BY SENATOR MATHIAS ON FOLLOWING CABINET MINISTERS IF THEY ARE IN TOWN:

MARIO ENRIQUE SIMONSEN (FINANCE); ANTONIO AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA (FOREIGN RELATIONS); JOAO PAULO DOS REIS VELLOSO (MINISTERCHIEF OF THE PLANNING SECRETARIAT); GENERAL GOLBERY DO COUTO E SILVE (CHIEF OF THE CIVIL HOUSEHOLD).

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C. CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, SENATOR JOSE DE MAGALHAES PINTO. WHILE CONGRESS WILL NOT BE IN SESSION DURING THIS PERIOD, SENATOR MAGALHAES IS NORMALLY WILLING TO RECEIVE VISITING LEGISLATORS AT HIS OFFICE AND TO HAVE PRESENT TO GREET THE VISITOR A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING OF LEGISLATORS FROM BOTH HOUSES AND FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT AND

## OPPOSITION PARTIES.

3. SINCE SENATOR WOULD BE IN BRASILIA ALMOST TWO AND ONE-HALF DAYS, HE MAY HAVE TIME FOR ADDITIONAL CALLS BEYOND FORE-GOING BASIC PROGRAM. DEPENDING ON SENATOR'S PREFERENCES AND AVAILABILITY OF TIME, WE WOULD PROPOSE HE CONSIDER CALLS ON FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SENIOR OFFICIALS.

A. MINISTER OF JUSTICE ARMANDO FALCAO, IN VIEW OF SENATOR MATHIAS' MEMBERSHIP ON JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

B. DJACY FALCAO, PRESIDENT OF SUPREME FEDERAL TRIBUNAL

C. GOVERNOR OF FEDERAL DISTRICT ELMO SEREJO FARIAS, IN VIEW OF SENATOR MATHIAS' MEMBERSHIP ON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE.

D. IF AVAILABLE IN BRASILIA AT THE TIME, CHAIRMEN OF SENATE COMMITTES ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, FINANCE, JUDICIARY AND FEDERAL DISTRICT. WHILE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IN BRAZILIAN LEGISLATIVE SYSTEM DO NOT HAVE SAME FUNCTION OR IMPORTANCE AS IN U.S. SYSTEM, SENATORS IN QUESTION ARE EXPERIENCED, WELL-INFORMED POLITICIANS WHO CAN GIVE SENATOR USEFUL INSIGHTS INTO BRAZILIAN SITUATION.

4. WE EXEPCT IT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE CALLS IN RIO SINCE SENATOR'S VISIT THERE FALLS ON WEEKEND DURING HOLIDAY SEW ZIOM WE BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT WE CANPROVIDE SENATOR WITH RELAXED PROGRAM THAT WILL GIVE HIM FAMILIARITY WITH RIO AREA AND, WE WOULD HOPE, OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SOME LOCAL BRAZILIAN LEADERS.

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- 5. AMBASSADOR, WHO IS A CONSTITUENT OF SENATOR, CORDIALLY INVITES HIM TO STAY AT RESIDENCE.
- 6. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS BY SENATOR MATHIAS ON FOREGOING AS WELL AS GREEN LIGHT ASAP TO PROCEED WITH APPOINTMENTS. CRIMMINS

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